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>PREVIOUSLY IN INFINITY ABYSS...

Thanos and his one-time ward Gamora have defeated a cadre of evil, nihilist duplicates of the Mad Titan himself. However, in doing so, they've stumbled into a grave chain of events that may lead to total oblivion.

Adam Warlock learned that the mysterious Aylez's days of anchoring reality are over, and that a replacement guardian must be retrieved immediately or the universe will perish. Now, Warlock and Dr. Strange, Earth's sorcerer supreme, must retrieve Aylez's replacement, a young Earth girl named Ariella Langunn.

Meanwhile, Captain Marvel and Spider-Man have been drawn to Ariella's seemingly normal family only to have a powerful reality wave sweep over them--leaving them to defend the Langunns with no help in sight...

Omega, the last and most powerful of the Thanos doppelgangers, has been summoned to destroy the heroes and Aylez. They are unaware of and quite possibly powerless to stop this creature intent on purging the cosmos into the Infinity Abyss...

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ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I WILL BE, DR. STRANGE.

HAVING SOME TROUBLE INTEGRATING WARRIOR'S SPIRIT INTO THE SOCIETY OF THE SOUL GEM.

BUT I CAN FEEL HIS NIHILISTIC PASSIONS SLOWLY MERGING WITH MY OWN SUICIDAL TENDENCIES.

HASTEN THE PROCESS IN ANY MANNER YOU CAN, ADAM WARLOCK!

ATLEZ?

MY TIME DRAWS TO A CLOSE.

SO SOON?

IF ATLEZA DOES NOT RELIEVE ME, BEFORE DEATH LAYS ITS CLAIM, OUR UNIVERSE PLUNGES INTO THE VOID.

THEN LET IT! WHY SHOULD I CARE?!

BRING ON OBLIVION!

THE MADNESS IS UPON HIM AGAIN!

ONLY MOMENTARILY. ADAM WILL FIGHT OFF THE DARK HAUNTINGS.

FOR ALL THERE IS DEPENDS ON HIM.

I'LL TRY...

I WILL!

STRANGE, YOU SHALL REMAIN WITH ATLEZ.

USE YOUR MYSTICAL AND MEDICAL SKILLS TO KEEP HIM ALIVE.

WHILE YOU...?

GAIN THE UNIVERSE SALVATION IN THE FORM OF A SMALL CHILD.

ATLEZ, I WOULD APPRECIATE A BETTER EXPLANATION.

"FORGIVE YOUR FRIEND, STRANGE, HIS SOUL IS IN DIRE CONFLICT."

AND I SENSE YOU ARE *TRULY DYING* SO I WILL NOT PRESS.

I CANNOT KEEP YOU FROM EVENTUALLY *PASSING OVER.*

BUT THE LIGHT FROM THE *EYE OF AGAMOTTO* WILL AID YOU IN *DELAYING* THE *INEVITABLE.*

MEANWHILE, I HURRIED FROM THE *COSMIC VORTEX* AND RE-TURNED TO WHERE...

...I HAD LEFT A *CERTAIN TROLL* WITH THE MERGED *ETERNITY/ INFINITY ENTITY.*

PIP! WE MUST BE OFF!

I *KNOW,* ALREADY GOT THE *COORDI-NATES.*

ANY CHANCE OF STOPPING OFF FOR A QUICK *DRINK* ?

NONE.

AND SO WE HURRIEDLY JOURNEYED TO A SMALL FARMHOUSE FLOATING WITHIN A SPHERE OF NOTHINGNESS SOMEWHERE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK.

THERE I WOULD FIND SHE WHO WAS DESTINED TO ANCHOR OUR REALITY WITHIN THE COSMIC VORTEX.

UNFORTUNATELY, WARRIOR'S PERSONALITY WAS STILL REARING ITS RATHER UGLY HEAD.

"IN OTHER WORDS, I WASN'T IN A VERY DIPLOMATIC MOOD."

I HAVE COME FOR THE CHILD ATLEZA!

THIS IS GETTING TO BE LIKE AVENGERS MANSION!

WHO'S GOING TO SHOW UP NEXT, THE HULK?

ADAM?

EASE UP, BUDDY!

WARLOCK? I THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD!

OCCASIONALLY.

HE CAN'T SEEM TO GET IT RIGHT.

COME FOR ATLEZA?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH MY DAUGHTER?

STAND ASIDE!

NO WAY!

ADAM! REMEMBER!

ONLY HUMAN!

FRAGILE!

THEY BREAK EASILY!

I SAID STAND ASIDE!

POOR FATHER.

HE JUST DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

HIS SOUL GEM...

HE'S GOING TO...

ADAM! SHE'S JUST A CHILD!

I'M READY.

I KNEW...

...YOU WOULD BE.

KNOWLEDGE!

ADAM!

GROZIT!

WHAT?!

MADNESS!

ATLEZA!

I HAD NO IDEA!

MY BABY!

PRETTY!

DONE.

THE VEILS OF IGNORANCE PART.

THANK YOU, ADAM WARLOCK.

I NOW SEE.

I NOW KNOW.

I HAVE BEEN CHOSEN.

MY DUTY IS CLEAR!

ALL THE *LATENT POWERS* WITHIN THE GIRL, THAT MY COSMIC SENSES PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED, ARE NOW COMING TO *FULL BLOOM!*

REBIRTH.

THE ENERGIES RADIATING FROM HER ARE *ASTRAL* IN SCOPE!

REALIGN-MENT.

ATLEZA!

WHAT'S IS SHE DOING?

INCREDIBLE!

DIMENSIONAL RIFTS ARE HEALING! *SPATIAL ABNORMALITIES* ARE RIGHTING!

WANT TO TRY THAT IN *ENGLISH* FOR US *NON-COSMIC GIBBERISH* SPEAKERS?

OUTSIDE!

THAT LOOKS LIKE *EARTH* TO ME!

EVERYTHING'S BACK TO *NORMAL!*

WHICH MEANS...

...TOTE UP *ANOTHER ONE* IN THE *GOOD GUYS' WIN COLUMN!*

NOT QUITE...

WARLOCK SPEAKS *TRUE.*

Thanos!

NO SHOOTING FROM THE HIP, GUYS!

THIS IS THE *REAL* THING!

AND HE'S ON *OUR SIDE!*

MOONDRAGON, WE NEED AN IMMEDIATE GROUP TELEPATHIC LINK-UP.

GENIS, WHAT'S GOING ON?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER.

YOUR PAL HARVEY'S RETURNED!

WHY? THE DANGER'S PAST, ISN'T IT?

SADLY, NO.

SAY WHAT?

HIS NAME'S RICK.

YOU'D BETTER COME CLEAN WITH THEM, THANOS.

VERY WELL.

THE FOES YOU HAVE BEEN COLLECTIVELY FACING ARE CREATIONS OF MINE, RUN AMOK!

ONE REPLICANT REMAINS. THE MOST POWERFUL.

THE OMEGA CRAVES ATLEZA'S DEMISE AND THE OBLIVION THAT WILL FOLLOW.

MORE GIBBER-ISH.

THE OMEGA IS DRIVEN BY AN ALMOST RELIGIOUS FERVOR.

NOTHING SHORT OF DEATH WILL DETER IT!

I ALONE CANNOT STOP IT.

SO YOU'RE HOPING WE'LL HELP YOU KILL OFF YOUR MISTAKE?

IT IS YOUR UNIVERSE ALSO.

JUST HOW TOUGH IS THIS OMEGA?

PROBABLY TWICE AS POWER-FUL AS GALACTUS.

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

AND APPARENTLY HERE.

THAT SOUND...

TWICE...?

OH, BOY!

NOT GOOD!

THANOS CREATED THAT?

GALACTUS'S MEASURES TO PREVENT ACCESS TO HIS DNA WERE NOT SOPHISTICATED ENOUGH TO DETER ME.

MY OPPORTUNITY CAME DURING THE MAGUS/INFINITY GAUNTLET AFFAIR.

GRAFTING THIS PRIZE TO MY OWN GENE MATRIX PROVED A DAUNTING TASK AND AN IRRESISTIBLE CHALLENGE.

BUT IT WAS AN INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE... A COSMIC NIGHTMARE NEVER MEANT TO BE ACTIVATED.

OUTSIDE FORCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MISSTEP OF ITS EXISTENCE.

SOME MISSTEP!

I'VE ENCOUNTERED THE REAL GALACTUS...

...AND MY COSMIC SENSES SAY THIS CREATURE EASILY DWARFS THE ORIGINAL IN POWER.

INSANITY.

WE'RE DEAD!

PERHAPS.

THERE WAS NO PREAMBLE TO THE OMEGA'S ASSAULT.

THANOS HADN'T BURDENED HIS FRANKENSTEIN WITH THE GIFT OF SPEECH.

WHY COMMUNICATE VERBALLY WHEN YOU WIELD SUCH MIGHT?

BUT WHEN DEALING WITH THE MAD TITAN ONE SHOULD ALWAYS EXPECT THE UNEX-PECTED.

SURPRISE #1.

A FORCE-FIELD! PROTECTING THE HOUSE AND US!

THIS HAS TO BE THANOS'S DOING!

SURPRISE #2.

ACTIVATE TELE-PORTATION PROGRAM Z-734!

WHAT HAS THAT MANIAC DONE NOW?

WE'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED OFF EARTH!

MANIAC?

HEY! I DIDN'T DO THIS!

VERY CLEVER.

BUT WHY?

BECAUSE THE TITAN EXPECTS THE COMING BATTLE TO BE MORE THAN THE EARTH CAN BEAR.

HIDING FROM YOUR OWN CREATION, TITAN?

THE OMEGA BELIEVING ME DEAD MAY PROVE OUR ONLY ADVANTAGE.

THIS DEVICE BLINDS HIS SCANNERS TO MY PRESENCE.

ONLY A COORDINATED EFFORT UNDER MY GUIDANCE MAY GAIN US VICTORY.

CRAZI-NESS!

AS USUAL.

THERE IS NO TIME FOR A DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE.

THE OMEGA WILL SOON SHATTER MY FORCE-FIELD.

MOON-DRAGON, I NEED THAT TELEPATHIC LINK-UP NOW.

TELEPORTATION.

HAVE TO PUT THAT ON MY LIST OF THINGS I HATE.

I THINK I'M GOING TO ■ SICK.

GAMORA, HAVE YOUR MISCREANT FRIENDS RETURN TO THIS DWELLING IMMEDIATELY.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THIS IS NOT MY FAULT!

YOU CAN'T BLAME ME!

GUYS, BACK INTO THE HOUSE, NOW!

THIS IS NOT A REQUEST!

ALRIGHT, SPIDER-MAN, YOU'RE THE ONLY NOVICE TO THIS EXPERIENCE.

IT'S A HARMLESS PROCEDURE, SO JUST RELAX...

...AND ENJOY THE RIDE!

HATE THIS!

WHOA!

SUCH UNBELIEVABLE LUNACY!

EVERYONE PRESENT IS NOW FULLY BRIEFED ON OUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCES CONCERNING THE CRISIS.

AND ITS CAUSE BEING A CERTAIN ARROGANT, PARANOID MONSTER.

A SELF-SERVING MONSTER WHO DIDN'T TRANSPORT THE UPCOMING BATTLE OFF EARTH TO SPARE IT HARM.

BUT TO AVOID THE RIGHTEOUS RETRIBUTION OF EARTH'S SUPER HEROES...

...IF THINGS SHOULD GO WRONG...

I'LL GRANT YOU THANOS IS NO SAINT.

BUT YOU ALL MUST REALIZE HE'S OUR BEST BET FOR SURVIVAL.

SO STOW THE RECRIMI-NATIONS.

I MAY NOT BE ONE OF YOU COSMIC TYPES...

GAMORA'S CORRECT.

WE MUST FOLLOW THIS DEVIL-WE-KNOW AGAINST A FAR MORE IMMEDIATE PERIL.

...BUT I RECOGNIZE A HOLE IN A PLAN WHEN I SEE IT!

THANOS'S SCHEME HAS NO PAYOFF!

SPIDEY'S RIGHT!

WHY YOU HOLDING OUT ON US, BIG GUY?

IN CASE ANY OF YOU FALL INTO THE OMEGA'S CLUTCHES.

YOU CANNOT REVEAL WHAT YOU DO NOT KNOW.

"BY THE WAY, MY FORCE-FIELD IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO DIS-INTEGRATE BENEATH THE OMEGA'S ONSLAUGHT."

PERHAPS ATLEZA SHOULD BE SPIRITED AWAY FROM HERE.

NO.

SHE HAS SURELY REGISTERED ON THE OMEGA'S SCANNERS.

EVEN OUTSIDE THIS REALITY WOULD PROVE AN INADEQUATE SANCTUARY FROM HIM.

BESIDES, I WILL NEED YOUR POWER IN THE UP-COMING CONFLICT.

I BID YOU FAREWELL, MY PARENTS.

I THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME LIFE.

FARE-WELL?

WHAT?!

LISTEN, YOUNG LADY, WE'RE NOT GOING ANY-WHERE WITH-OUT YOU!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S--

SORRY, FOLKS...

TIME TO GO.

No!

GOOD-BYE, MOMMY.

'BYE, DADDY.

MARVEL, SPIDER-MAN, YOU WILL NEED THESE COMMUNICATORS.

PLACE THEM BEHIND YOUR EARS.

THE LITTLE GIRL?

ADAM, I THINK IT'S A MISTAKE SENDING ME TO RELIEVE DR. STRANGE.

LEAVE HER BE.

I SUSPECT THANOS HAS DETERMINED THE MYSTIC'S MIGHT WILL BE NEEDED AGAINST THE OMEGA.

MORE SO THAN MY PSYCHIC SKILLS?

DIDN'T STRANGE JUST BEST YOU IN COMBAT?

UNFAIRLY! I WAS UNDER THE MENTAL DOMINATION OF X!

PERHAPS. BUT THE DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

YOU'RE ORDERING ME FROM THIS BATTLE?

I'M NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE INFINITY WATCH, TO BE BULLIED BY THE LIKES OF YOU!

THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.

THEN WHAT?

I'LL EXPLAIN IN ABOUT TEN SECONDS.

HEY!

HECK OF A WAY TO TREAT A LADY.

YOU'RE WALKING ON THE WALLS AGAIN, SPIDEY.

NOT A GOOD SIGN.

WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?

HEL-LOOO!

IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED, WE JUST JOINED FORCES WITH ONE OF THE WORST OF THE BAD GUYS!

TROUBLED BY THE OL' WHITE HAT/ BLACK HAT THING, HUH?

I'VE BEEN THERE.

WITH THANOS, IN FACT.

AND I'VE COME TO REALIZE THAT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO SURVIVAL...

...SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T AFFORD THE LUXURY OF CHOICE.

AGAINST OBLIVION I SIDE WITH THE TITAN.

AND IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE, SO WILL YOU.

WE'RE BACK WITH MAGE IN TOW.

HAS STRANGE BEEN BRIEFED?

MOONDRAGON RELUCTANTLY FILLED HIM IN TELEPATHICALLY.

VERY WELL...

LET THE BATTLE BEGIN.

PERHAPS IT WAS THE WORD BATTLE THAT ROUSED WARRIOR'S SPIRIT SO INTENSELY.

THE NEXT MOMENT MY COMPANIONS WERE NO LONGER SURROUNDING ME.

I HEARD NOTHING BUT DESIRE.

I LEFT THE FARMHOUSE AS IF IN A DREAM.

NUMB TO REALITY.

OVERWHELMED BY PASSIONS NOT MY OWN.

TRUE, MY OWN EXISTENCE HAS BEEN RATHER TUMULTHOUS.

MANY TIMES I HAVE DESIRED AN ESCAPE FROM THE STRIFE AND SEEMING INSANITY OF LIFE.

SUICIDE I FLIRTED WITH BUT NEVER DID I EVEN REMOTELY CONSIDER THE PHILOSOPHY OF UNIVERSAL OBLIVION.

TO ME, LIFE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOMETHING YOH CHERISHED AND SOMEHOW MANAGED, NOT DROWNED IN THE FALSE PROMISES OF NIHILISM.

BUT NOW THE BECKONING VOID SEEMS IRRESISTIBLE.

THE TENETS OF NIHILISM IRREFUTABLE.

WARLOCK, WHY DO YOU HESITATE?

INTO THE FRAY!

CAN'T.

WON'T.

SEE THE TRUTH NOW.

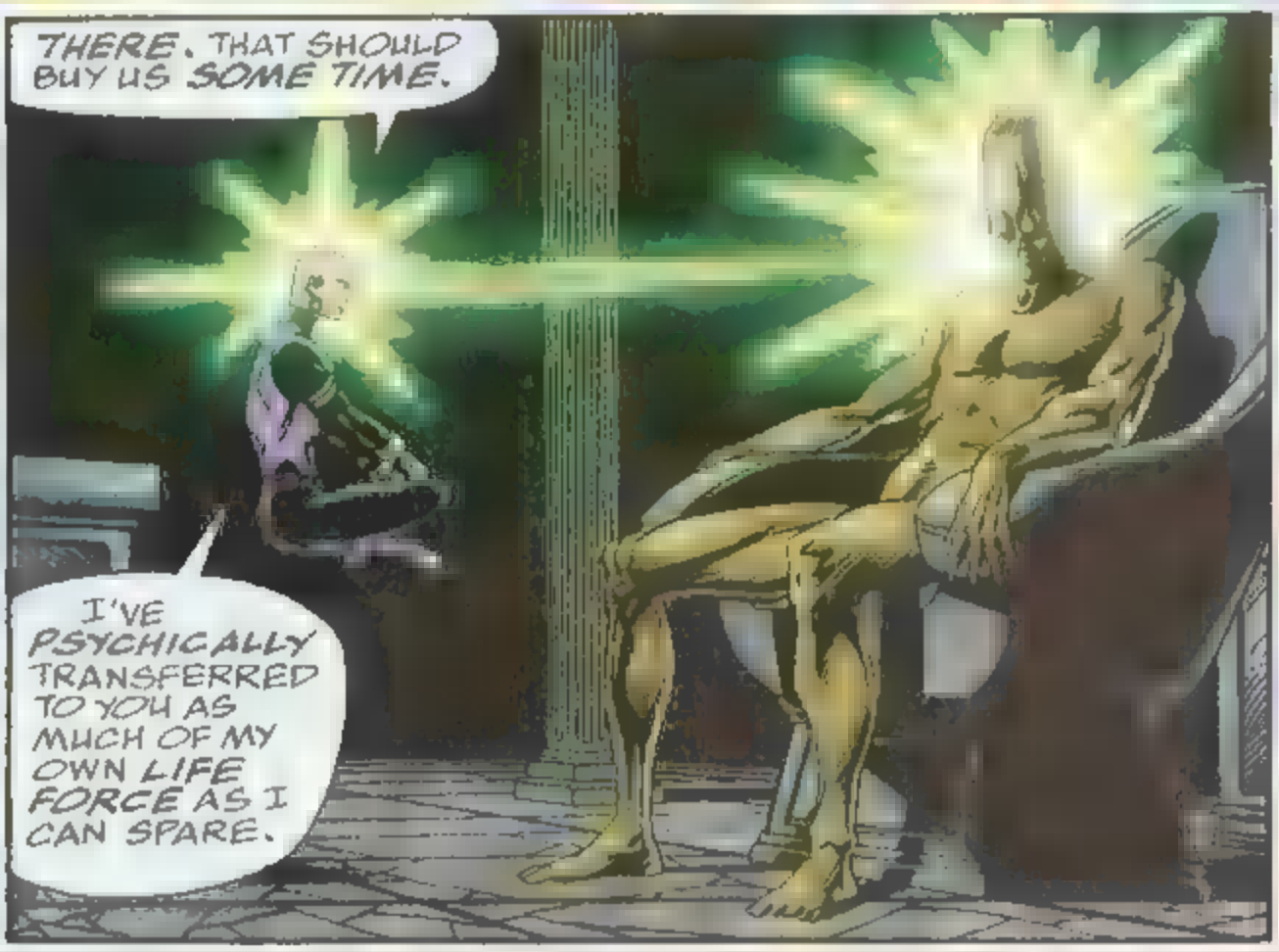
NIHILISM!

THAT IS WARRIOR'S SOUL SPEAKING, NOT YOUR OWN!

RESIST IT!!

TOO OVER-POWERING! CAN'T FIGHT IT ANY MORE THAN I COULD YOUR SPIRIT!

WARLOCK, YOU ARE A FOOL.


THERE. THAT SHOULD BUY US SOME TIME.
I'VE PSYCHICALLY TRANSFERRED TO YOU AS MUCH OF MY OWN LIFE FORCE AS I CAN SPARE.

OF COURSE YOUR UNCONSCIOUSNESS KEEPS YOU FROM HEARING MY ASSURANCE...

AND YOUR COSMIC STATUS PREVENTS ME FROM COMMUNICATING WITH YOU TELE-PATHICALLY.

SHAME.

ADAM, YOU ARE DELUDING YOURSELF INTO SELF-DESTRUCTION!

THINK!

WHAT COPY HAS THE POWER AND CLARITY OF THE ORIGINAL?

FOR I HAVE SPENT MY ENTIRE LIFE SEEKING TO UNRAVEL THE COSMIC SECRETS WHICH ARE YOUR EVERYDAY EXISTENCE.

THE WONDERS I'M SURE I COULD HAVE LEARNED FROM YOU...

...NOW LOST TO ME BY CIR-CUMSTANCE AND THE TITAN'S INSANITY.

NONE!

SO YOUR STRUGGLE AGAINST WARRIOR'S INSANITY IS ONE YOU CAN WIN!

FOR HIS SPIRIT IS BUT TRANSFERRED DATA AND NOT TRUE PERSON-ALITY!

SO SAD.

SO UNFAIR.

MUSTER YOUR WILL AND YOU CAN TRIUMPH OVER HIS SHALLOW CONVICTIONS!

FOR THEY ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO MY OWN MUCH DARKER DEPTHS!

DARKER?

DARKER?

TRUST ME, YOU DO NOT WANT TO KNOW!

NOW GO!

YES!

AND UTILIZE WARRIOR'S PURLOINED FIGHTING SPIRIT TO ITS FULLEST!

WHAT NOW?

JUST AS I CALCULATED, YOUR SOUL GEM'S POWER AND UNIQUE NATURE HAVE PROVEN ENOUGH TO SEPARATE THE OMEGA FROM HIS CRAFT.

THAT ALONE IS WHY I COULD NOT ALLOW YOU TO QUIT THIS STRUGGLE.

NOW TREAD CAREFULLY.

EVEN DEPRIVED OF HIS SHIP THE OMEGA POSSESSES INCREDIBLE POWER.

SO I SEE.

BUT HIS REACTION TIME SEEMS... SLOW.

THE OMEGA WAS A WORK-IN-PROGRESS.

HE WAS ACTIVATED BEFORE CERTAIN DEFICIENCIES COULD BE CORRECTED.

WHICH SHOULD WORK TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

DO NOT COUNT OVERLY MUCH ON THIS HANDICAP.

REACTION RETARDATION DOES LITTLE TO DIMINISH THE OMEGA'S THREAT.

AS YOU PRESENTLY SEE, HE REMAINS QUITE CAPABLE OF BROADCASTING A SOLID WALL OF FORCE!

FLOW WITH IT! RESIST AND YOU WILL SURELY PERISH!

RIDE IT OUT AND YOU MAY SURVIVE THE EXPERIENCE.

MAY SURVIVE?

LORDY, SPIDEY, WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR-SELF INTO?

THE UNIVERSE IS GOING DOWN THE DRAIN AND YOU'RE...

TURNING A DEAD TREE INTO A GIANT SLINGSHOT!

PIP!

REPORT!

ON SIGHT WITH THE PACKAGE.

THEN DELIVER IT!

NORMALLY I ONLY USE MY OWN ORDNANCE.

BUT I GUESS I CAN MAKE AN EXCEP-TION IN THIS CASE!

THE OMEGA HAS BECOME AWARE OF YOUR PRESENCE.

DEPART IMMEDI-ATELY!

"INITIAL OBJECTIVE ACHIEVED!

"THE OMEGA'S CRAFT HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE EQUATION.

"HE IS NOW LIMITED TO ONLY WHAT HIS BASIC SENSES CAN REGISTER."

GAMORA, YOU AND THE CHILD SHOULD IMMEDIATELY JOIN SPIDER-MAN AT HIS POST.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I PLAN TO RENEW AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE.

OMEGA!

HEAR AND HEED THE WORDS OF YOUR CREATOR!

YOU WILL IMMEDIATELY STAND DOWN FROM YOUR MISSION OR...

...I WILL BE FORCED TO DESTROY YOU!

HIS ANSWER...

SILENCE.

AS EXPECTED.

BUT, AS HOPED, MY ULTIMATUM CAUSES THE OMEGA A MOMENTARY PAUSE.

NOW, EACH DELAY IS GOLDEN.

FOR BLUFF IS MY ONLY WEAPON.

AND EVERY PASSING SECOND AN ALLY.

A BLAST CAPABLE OF LEVELING A MOUNTAIN PROVES ONLY AN ANNOYANCE TO THE OMEGA.

BUT THE ASSAULT SERVES ITS PURPOSE.

STRANGE!

THE SNARE OF AN *INTER-DIMENSIONAL* PORTAL AGAIN OPENS, BUT THIS TIME WITH...

...A LITTLE *SOMETHING EXTRA!*

BUT WILL IT BE ENOUGH?

NO!

OMEGA'S ALREADY BURNING AWAY THE TENTACLES!

AND CHARGING UP ANOTHER FUSILLADE!

MOVE!

THIS BEHEMOTH SEEMS UN-STOPPABLE!

PERHAPS.

PIP!

BOMBS AWAY!!

AND RIGHT ON TARGET!

PRESS ON!

KEEP THE OMEGA OFF BALANCE!

BUT WHAT GOOD DOES THAT DO?

I BEGIN TO PERCEIVE THE TITAN'S PLAN!

TRUST HIM A WHILE LONGER!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY!

LOOKS TO ME LIKE ALL WE'RE DOING IS TICKING THIS MONSTER OFF!

DIS-TRACTING HIM IS MORE LIKE IT!

EXACTLY!

MISDIRECTION!

BUT HOW CAN A DIVERSION GAIN US VICTORY?

I BELIEVE IT MAY HAVE JUST GAINED CAPTAIN MARVEL HIS SURVIVAL!

THE OMEGA'S CHARGING UP AGAIN!

"STRANGE, RUSH TO MARVEL'S AID.

"WE ARE NOT THE MONSTER'S INTENDED TARGET THIS TIME.

"APPARENTLY IT HAS FINALLY PENETRATED THE NIGHTMARE'S *CLOUDED WITS* THAT HE HAS ONLY ONE *TRUE FOE* OF ANY MEASURE ON THIS BATTLEFIELD.

"PRAY THE TITAN HAS THE *STRENGTH* TO ENDURE SUCH A *DEVASTATING ONSLAUGHT.*"

"I SURVIVE.

"BUT ONLY WITH THE AID OF THREE PERSONAL FORCE FIELDS AND MY ARMOR.

"THE OMEGA TRULY IS MY GREATEST AND MOST DEADLY CREATION.

"IF I WERE TO ALLOW THIS CONFLICT TO CONTINUE I WOULD NOT LAST ANOTHER TWO MINUTES.

"BUT FORTUNATELY, THANOS'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPON IS HIS MIND.

"IT IS ENTIRELY IN THE PLANNING.

"ALL BATTLES ARE WON OR LOST BEFORE EVER THE FIRST BLOW IS STRUCK.

"EXECUTION IS MERE FORMALITY."

SPIDER-MAN!!

ON MY WAY!!

5...

4...

3...

2...

1!

...THE OMEGA'S NOT REACTING TO ME AS ANY KIND OF THREAT.

HOW HUMILI-ATING!

HE JUST DOESN'T SEE ANY DANGER IN A LOW-TECH ATTACK LIKE...

BLAST OFF!

AND JUST AS THANOS PREDICTED...

...ME EMPTYING MY WEB-SHOOTERS INTO HIS FACE!

BIG MISTAKE, HIGH-POCKETS.

GOTCHA!

AND NOW?

"AND NOW WE EXIT THE BATTLEFIELD!"

WE'RE RUNNING AWAY?

DEPARTING.

RUNNING AWAY IS DIS-ORDERLY.

DEPARTING IS STRATEGIC.

"IT IS VITAL THAT WHEN OMEGA REGAINS HIS VISION, HE DISCOVERS HE IS...

"...ALONE."

BACK HERE?

THEN THAT WHOLE OFF-WORLD SONG AND DANCE WAS A WASTE?

HOW LONG BEFORE THAT HORROR RETURNS TO EARTH?

THE OMEGA WON'T BE LEAVING THAT UNINHABITED WORLD. FOR ITS MAJOR MASS CONSISTS OF...

...VERY UNSTABLE AND HIGHLY FISSIONABLE MATTER.

"OUR SONG AND DANCE AND THE DESTROYING OF OMEGA'S CRAFT KEPT HIM FROM REALIZING THE PLANET WAS BEING SURROUNDED BY MY ARMADA OF REMOTE-CONTROLLED BATTLESHIPS.

"IF THE OMEGA STILL HAD HIS SHIP IT WOULD CONVERT THIS PLANET'S FIERY DEMISE INTO NOURISHMENT.

"EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THE FLEET IS DIRECTING ITS ENTIRE ARSENAL AT THE WORLD, SPARKING A MASSIVE CHAIN REACTION WITHIN ITS DEPTHS.

"WITHOUT IT, I FEAR MY CREATION IS DESTINED TO SUFFER A TERMINAL CASE OF BITING OFF MORE THAN HE CAN CHEW."

WARLOCK, I BELIEVE THERE IS STILL SOME NEED FOR HASTE IN DELIVERING ATLEZA.

OF COURSE, I'LL...

NOT WITHOUT ME, YOU WON'T!

SOMEONE HAS TO BE WITH ATLEZA WHILE SHE ADJUSTS TO HER NEW SITUATION.

AND ADAM DOESN'T LOOK UP TO THE TASK.

I AGREE.

BESIDES, I BELIEVE YOU AND I HAVE MUCH TO DISCUSS.

MOONDRAGON, ATLEZ?

DIED AS YOU WERE MATERIAL-IZING.

HE NEVER REGAINED CONSCIOUS-NESS.

NO LAST WORDS.

SUCH A SHAME.

THE CRISIS IS PAST. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE.

I CAN HANDLE MATTERS FROM HERE ON.

DIS-MISSED ARE WE?

AREN'T YOU FORGETTING SOMETHING, THANOS?

LIKE HOW THE UNIVERSE ALMOST GOT TRASHED BECAUSE OF YOU!

A SITUATION I RECTIFIED.

NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

IS IT AN APOLOGY YOU SEEK?

THAT WOULDN'T HURT FOR STARTERS.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE LANGUNNS?

I BELIEVE THEY HAVE JUST RETURNED.

BACK FROM SUNNY HAWAII!

WHAT?

OUR HOUSE!!

PATIO!

OUR TREE!

WHERE?

SOMEWHERE IN THE HERCULEAN GALAXY...

...IN LITTLE, TINY PIECES...

EVERY-THING WE'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR...

...GONE.

MY POINT EXACTLY!

YOU'VE RUINED THESE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND NOW PLAN TO MOVE ON WITHOUT A CARE!

IF I COULD MAKE YOU PAY FOR ALL THE MISERY YOU'VE CAUSED OVER THE YEARS...

ALLOW ME TO SAVE YOU THE EMBARRASSMENT OF TRYING-

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

NO!

WHAT?!

OUR HOUSE, PATIO, EVERYTHING BACK JUST AS IT WAS!

EVEN THE TREE!

HE MUST HAVE HAD THIS IN MIND ALL ALONG.

LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM, YOU'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO 'OL PURPLE PUSS.

THE GUY'S REALLY GOT CLASS.

IF NO MORALS.

EVEN FIXED THE CRACKED BEDROOM WINDOW!

AND SO, WITH DISASTER AT LEAST PRESENTLY AVERTED, THE UNIVERSE RETURNS TO ITS NORMAL RHYTHM.

ALL INVOLVED RESUME THEIR LIVES, DIGESTING AND ADJUSTING TO SURVIVAL.

"SOME WILL STRUGGLE WITH LOSS AND CONFUSION.

"NO SIMPLE TASK.

"WHILE OTHERS CARRY LESS WEIGHT.

"THERE WILL BE CHERISHED REUNIONS.

"ONE TENDER...

"ANOTHER A BIT MORE ACRIMONIOUS.

"EXPLANATIONS WILL NOT BE EASY.

"BUT THEY WILL BE MADE, AND EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED.

"ONE WILL RETURN TO HER SEARCH FOR UNDERSTANDING AND TRUTH.

"WHILE ANOTHER...

...SEEING THANOS WAS SO HELPFUL, I HAD TO LET HIM ESCAPE...

AND THAT'S HOW I SAVED THE UNIVERSE!

"AND..."

GONE EIGHTEEN HOURS AND HE DOESN'T HAVE A CLUE WHAT HAPPENED.

MAYBE WE OUGHT TO TELL HIM.

THAT'LL ONLY GET HIM PULLING OUT HIS LI'L DRUG-TESTING CUPS AGAIN.

FORGET IT.

AND GAMORA AND I?

WELL, WE HAVE SORT OF SET UP HOUSE IN THE *HEART OF DARKNESS* WHILE ATLEZA *LEARNS* AND *GROWS*.

"A NEW SARCOPHAGUS NOW RESTS ON THE EDGE OF THE PLAZA.

"I WILL ALWAYS WARMLY REMEMBER *ATLEZ*.

"AS I WILL THESE *JOY-FILLED DAYS*.

"LIKE ATLEZA I AM *LEARNING*, MY HORIZONS *WIDENING*.

"IN THIS LIFE I SHALL NOT REPEAT *PAST ERRORS*.

"FROM GAMORA I AM DISCOVERING THAT THERE IS *MORE* TO LIFE THAN *ACTION* AND *ADVENTURE*, STRIFE AND CONFLICT.

"I NEVER REALIZED THAT MERE *WORDS* OR A *TOUCH* COULD PROVE TO BE SUCH SUBTLE *TREASURES*.

"KEYS TO *UNIMAGINED HAPPINESS*.

"BUT THESE ARE REVELATIONS I FEAR THANOS WILL NEVER APPRECIATE.

"DARKER MOTIVES SPUR ON THE TITAN.

"FOR HIM, RE-BUILDING HIS RESOURCES IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

"WHEN MY MIND WAS LINKED WITH HIS I FELT JUST HOW CLOSE THANOS IS TO GAINING THAT NEW SECRET PRIZE HE CRAVES.

"SO THE HUNT RESUMES, AND EBON PASSIONS BURN.

"YES, I BELIEVE THE TITAN WILL SOON UNEARTH HIS LATEST SUBSTITUTE FOR HAPPINESS AND CONTENTMENT.

"AND ONCE AGAIN HE WILL FIND IT UNFULFILLING AND WANTING.

"ON THAT DAY, LET THE UNIVERSE TREMBLE.

"FOR THEN SOMEONE WILL SURELY HAVE TO PAY FOR THAT BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT."

END

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